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talked to Satterfield 10-11-17
We will discuss with Marcels & Tropa.

Mr. R. F. Satterfield
Casualty Loss Control
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Re: Reynolds Metals Company
Reynolds Aluminum Building Products Company (TILO)
Stratford, Connecticut

Dear Bob:

During the last safety survey at the Stratford plant, our engineering representative expressed concern regarding several exposures which he did not include in his letter of confirmation. The items noted were Industrial Hygiene, Pollution and Equipment Operations exposures. Reynolds corporate safety and health units have made surveys at this location so they are probably on top of them. If not, arrangements should be made to follow up.

The concern with the most serious long term loss potential is the possibility of asbestos fibers, from previous manufacturing operations, being mixed with the dust trapped on overhead beams in the aluminum products warehouse. Also, we understand that there is asbestos waste material buried behind the plant. This brings up questions regarding protection and exposure records for employees working in that area.

Other noteworthy points brought out were:

a. Possible high noise levels on a newly installed blower system used for limestone transfer (not operating at the time of survey).

b. Dermititis and breathing exposures from fiberglass dust in the new shingle manufacturing area.

c. The combination of asphalt, oil and other petroleum based products which could wash into the brook that crosses the property.

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d. Dust and asphalt fume exposure to the worker in the elevated area over the shingle line.

e. Safety procedures and training for electrical maintenance people.

f. Operational procedures for boiler operation (this item should be referred to the Boiler and Machinery Insurance carrier).

I have enclosed an internal memo from our servicing engineer to supplement these comments.

In accordance with our previous agreement, the foregoing has not otherwise been brought to the attention of Reynolds Metals. If we at The Travelers can be of any assistance in further investigation, testing and/or evaluation, please give me a call.

Very truly yours

Lee McManus, Engineering Account Executive
Special Accounts Unit

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cc: Mr. B. J. Sasser, Corporate Safety Director, Reynolds Metals Company

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